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ENERGY POLICY

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1. SUMMARY. DURING THE JULY SESSION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
A DEBATE WAS HELD ON A RESOLUTION WHICH REGRETTEED THE INABILITY
OF THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY AT ITS MAY 22
MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT URGED THE COMMISSION TO
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CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY. COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET'S RESPONSE INCLUDED STRONG SUPPORT FOR EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE COMMUNITY'S INTERNAL OIL MARKET ORGANIZATION AND HE THUS APPEARS TO HAVE MOVED CLOSER TO THE FRENCH POSITION -- AT LEAST IN ACCEPTING THE VIEW THAT THE EC MUST ORGANIZE ITSELF BEFORE IT CAN TALK TO OTHER CONSUMING COUNTRIES.
END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 3 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (SPRINGORUM- GERMAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT) SUBMITTED A RESOLUTION ON THE COMMUNITY'S ENERGY PROBLEMS AND THE MAY 22 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. IN HIS REMARKS SPRINGORUM SAID THE FAILURE OF THE ENERGY COUNCIL SHOWED HOW SICK THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS, AND HE WANTED THAT EARLY ADOPTION OF A COMMON ENERGY POLICY IS NECESSARY IF PROBLEMS SUCH AS THOSE NOW FACING THE US ARE TO BE AVOIDED. OTHER SPEAKERS SUPPORTED SPRINGORUM AND SAID IN ESSENCE THAT ANOTHER ENERGY COUNCIL SHOULD BE HELD IN THE AUTUMN AND THAT IT MUST BE MORE SUCCESSFUL. CONSUMERS WILL SUFFER IF THERE IS NO COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY AND NO ENERGY INVESTMENT COULD BE AS EXPENSIVE TO THE COMMUNITY AS THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT ENERGY. SPEAKERS CALLED ON THE COUNCIL TO SHOW THE POLITICAL WILL REQUIRED OF IT; A GAULLIST MEMBER SAID: " IT IS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE MEMBER STATES TO REALIZE THEY MUST HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL TO BYPASS NATIONAL INTERESTS."

3. SPEAKERS TOUCHED ON VARIOUS SPECIFIC ENERGY ISSUES: MAJOR OIL COMPANIES SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO SOME DEGREE OF " DISCIPLINE" IN THE COMMUNITY. COOPERATION AMONG CONSUMER COUNTRIES MUST BE A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF COMMUNITY POLICY. THERE MUST BE A GREATER URGENCY GIVEN TO COAL GASIFICATION.

4. A CONSERVATIVE MEMBER (NORMANTON) HIGHLIGHTED THE COMMUNITY ENERGY PROBLEM AS SEEN FROM THE BRITISH PERSPECTIVE. FIRST, HE SAID, THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR RAPID NUCLEAR EXPANSION AND BRITAIN ALONE WOULD NEED A NEW NUCLEAR PLANT EVERY YEAR TO MEET ITS CONSUMPTION NEEDS; THIS INVOLVES GREAT TECHNICAL, DEVELOPMENTAL AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS. SECONDLY, EUROPE NEEDS TO HAVE ITS OWN URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANTS. THIRD, EUROPE MUST STOP WASTING ENERGY; REDUCED CHARGES FOR HIGHER USAGES OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY
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ARE AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRACTICE WHICH MUST BE STOPPED. FOURTH, THE COMMUNITY MUST RECONSIDER ITS PRESENT OVERRELIANCE ON UN-RELIABLE SOURCES FOR PETROLEUM.

5. VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET RESPONDED FOR THE COMMISSION TO MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS. HE SAID THE COMMISSION APPRECIATED THE

SUPPORT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TOWARD REACHING A COMMON ENERGY POLICY. HE NOTED HOWEVER THAT SPEAKERS HAD NOT MENTIONED THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY OIL MARKET AND SAID THIS WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ANY COMMUNITY POLICY. THE COMMISSION WILL PRESENT PROPOSALS TO THE COUNCIL NEXT WEEK ON THIS SUBJECT AND HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT FOR A NEW ENERGY COUNCIL MEETING. HE SAID THAT AT THE LAST COUNCIL ONE MEMBER STATE HAD SAID IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO SPEAK OF A COMMUNITY POLICY UNTIL THE INTERNAL OIL MARKET HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AND THIS IS LOGICAL BECAUSE IT IS HIGH TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY TO DEFINE ITS POSITION ON THIS QUESTION. (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC INDICATION THAT SIMONET APPEARS TO HAVE MOVED CLOSER TO THE FRENCH VIEW ON THE NEED TO ORGANIZE THE INTERNAL OIL MARKET AS THE FIRST STEP IN DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY' S ENERGY POLICY-- AT LEAST HIS COMMENT INDICATES THE OTHERS MAY HAVE TO GO SOME DISTANCE IN MEETING THE FRENCH IF THE BLOCK FRANCE HAS PLACED ON EC ENERGY POLICY IS TO BE REMOVED. END COMMENT.)

6. THE SPRINGORUM RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WITH NEGATIVE VOTES ONLY FROM THE COMMUNIST MEMBERS. THE RESOLUTION WELCOMES THE COMMISSION ENERGY PAPER AND THE FACT THAT AN ENERGY COUNCIL WAS HELD BUT REGRETS THAT THAT COUNCIL WAS UNABLE TO ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR A COMMON ENERGY POLICY. COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION ARE BEING FORWARDED TO EUR/ RPE. GREENWALD

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